THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL PROCESS EXPLAINED Criminal charges may also be filed Temporary Restraining Domestic Violence Complaint is filed in which will be heard separately from Order is denied the Superior Court, Family Division the Temporary/Final Restraining (during regular court hours), or in Order hearings Municipal Court or by the victim Defendant's complaint Review and Amend Adversary may also file Temporary Restraining a Domestic Violence is denied. Therefore, a the Temporary Order is entered. NOTE: reciprocal Temporary Complaint, resulting If a Temporary Restrain-Restraining Order, if Restraining Order will necessary, prior to in a reciprocal Tempoing Order is violated, the NOT be entered the hearing date rary Restraining Order accused may be arrested Hearing date scheduled by the Court before a Superior Court Judge to determine if the Temporary Restraining Order should continue as a Final Restraining Order Attorneys obtain copies of relevant documents to be used as evidence such as: reports, photographs, Victim Statements, prior Restraining Orders and so on. Subpoenas will be issued when appropriate. DV Hearing before a judge of the Superior Court Temporary Restraining Order voluntarily dismissed by the victim and Civil Restraints Final Restraining Order issued entered within the divorce case or other Temporary Restraining Order family docket matter limiting contact dismissed On-going Protection for Victim. Restraints continue on a limited basis. If the No on-going protection for victim NOTE: If a Final Restraining Order is Civil Restraints are violated, an arrest will not violated, the accused may be arrested occur but other consequences may be imposed

Every day someone is verbally, emotionally, sexually, or physically abused by his or her spouse or cohabitant. What makes these stories so heart wrenching is that they often involve families that are being torn apart by acts of violence. If you or someone you love is a victim of NJ domestic violence, it is important to know that the New Jersey laws are on your side.

Accused may file an appeal



Victim may file an appeal